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Ranger School update: 104 Ranger students complete the Mountain Phase and move on to the Swamp Phase

FORT BENNING, Georgia – The U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence announced 103 men and one woman met the standards to complete the Mountain Phase of the Ranger Course. These students will now move onto the Swamp Phase of Ranger School, located at Camp Rudder, Florida, on August 29, 2015. Additionally, 45 men will be recycled, or given a second attempt at Ranger School.

The Swamp Phase is located in the coastal swamp environment near Valparaiso, Florida. The phase consists of two jumps for airborne qualified personnel; four days of waterborne operations; small boat movements and stream crossings; a 10 day field training exercise with student led patrols. Students who meet the standards of the Swamp Phase will travel to Fort Benning, Georgia on September 18, 2015 to graduate at Victory Pond.

Highlights of the Mountain Phase training included military mountaineering, a knot test, a foot march up Mount Yonah, and ten days of platoon level mock combat patrols. Sixteen men were unsuccessful at meeting the challenging standards of the Mountain Phase of Ranger School and will be dropped from the course. For a variety of reasons, these students were unsuccessful at meeting the standard. However, the vast majority who are being dropped from the course were unable to successfully lead a patrol.

More information regarding the Ranger School can be found at <https://www.benning.army.mil>.